

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 17, 2023

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Shane Cockrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Shane Cockrum, Vice President, Jay Copple, Jim Giacone; Robin LaBuwi; and Stacia Sloan. Board member absent: Marci Glover.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Collective Bargaining

4.3 Purchase or Lease of Real Property

4.4 Student Disciplinary Case

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel; Collective Negotiation Matters; the Purchase or Lease of Real Property; and a Student Disciplinary Case. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:35 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:24 P.M. Shane Cockrum, Vice President called the roll. Answering present: Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Shane Cockrum – yes. Board member absent: Marci Glover.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2023

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2023

5.2 Approve Financial Report (July 2023)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (July 2023)

5.4 Approve Final Reading Board Policy Updates (ENCL A)

5.5 Review/Approve 1st Reading Board Policy Update 7:60

5.6 Review/Approve Project ECHO and STARQuest Regional Safe School MOU (ENCL C)

5.7 Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Standby Ambulance Service

5.8 Review/Approve Dual Credit Agreement for 2023-2024 Between BCHS and RLC (ENCL D)

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Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Minor – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Shane Cockrum – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosures A, C, and D along with the Agreement for Standby Ambulance Service have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Project Update
- Financial Update
- Back to School Meeting/Breakfast and Assembly at Benton 47
- School Maintenance Project Grant Application

Written reports from Principal Docherty and Assistant Principal/AD Miller were given.

Mr. Docherty also shared information concerning the start of school and increased supervision/coverage throughout the building including bathrooms.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the MOU with BEA to split football and student council stipends for the 2023-24 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this MOU has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Stacia Sloan made a motion to accept resignations from Kolby Smith as a teacher's aide, Lynn Rone as a part time cook, and Joey Hutchcraft as a bus driver. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Peggy Page as a part-time cook for the 2023-24 school year upon completion of the employment history review. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Sharon Corn as a teacher's aide for the 2023-24 school year upon completion of the employment history review. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Justin Holman as a bus driver for the 2023-24 school year upon completion of the employment history review and effective 9-1-2023. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Tentative Budget & Set Hearing Date Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the tentative budget as presented and set the hearing for September 21, 2023 at 5:15 P.M. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Cooperative Agreement for Alternative School at Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Coop Agreement for Alternative School at the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.5 Review/Approve Agreement to Purchase Real Property

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Robin LaBuwi questioned allowing former board members free admission to BCHS athletic events.

Stacia Sloan questioned how daily announcements were being shared with students and parents.

Mark Minor stated the BCHS app had not been updated recently.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jim Giacone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 P.M. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY